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N.E.I.

Dearest Lottie:

It is now 9:25 PM, and I just got back from the best show I have seen in a long time. It was "To Have And Not to Have", and that gal, Laren Bacall, is the most lucious thing I ever saw. Right? I sure did enjoy it immensely. Right?

Today I received 8 letters, 4 from you, the latest dated Jan. 27, and one from Harry Berman and Naomi. Lottie, your letter was dated Jan. 27, and you got the card from Bert on Jan. 21, when Daddy wrote me a V-mail. Don't you think that much news is worth sending me on a Airmail stamp, instead of waiting 6 days? Well, I do. See, if you had sent me an Airmail letter on the 21st, I would have received the news from Bert 6 days ago, instead of now. I can't see why some of the brains in the family can't think of those things once in a while. But I guess all of you just say, well, he is 12,000 miles away, and it won't hurt him to wait 6 more days for it, and I'LL just send him the usual V-mail. Right? Well, that is the way it seems to me.

You don't know how happy I was to hear of it, and I believe that Camp #2 hasbeen liberated, and that Bert is now free. I'll bet you will have heard from him by the time you receive this.

Got a long and nice letter from McDuff today, and he has been promoted to a Major. I didn't know that. He said he heard from you a couple of times. He is fine, working hard, and having a good time with the women and wine over there in Paris. He says the women there are beautiful, very unlike over here. Right?

I guess Mother was very disappointed that the Doctor in Bessemer couldn't find anything wrong with her, wasn't she? I know she felt bad about it, and I don't blame her. When one knows that something is wrong with one, and there really isn't, no medicine in the world can help one. Right? The only thing that will help is a darn good rest, and stop worrying about the simple things of life. So take heed, Mother, and do this for Bert, if not me, because when I comehome, which will be soon, I hope, I want to find you just as Bert said in that now famous letter, more beautiful and healthy than when we left you a long time ago. Bro says you areplanning a big party when we all get back, and we will really have one. They are cooking doughnuts in the kitchen tonight, and I just sampled one, U-m-m, sure is good. Daddy, you ought to be sure that no-one rents the store next door. See the owner, and see hat he talks to you before you rent it, here. Because when I get back we want to take in that store right away. Rent it yourself, if nexessary to keep someone else from going in there, and you know they will, now that the new plant is to be built there. You ought to go to Chicago or New York and buy alot of merchandise now, not laterh, now. Understand? Daddy, why don't you buy some property out around the outskirts of town somewhere, as they will go up soon. You ought to. Daddy forget to date one of his letters ! No, Daddy, I don't get tired of your business talk, only talk more about it, as

I enjoy it a lot. Keep up the good work, as your letters are always interesting.

Got a letter from Naomi and she passed her senior test with the ice skates, and hada nice writeup in one of the New York Papers. Some style, huh?

I don't remember if Martelle ever said anything about the present you sent her or not, but don't believe she did. I should be getting a letter from her anyday now, so guess she will mention it. Right?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold